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## MEMORANDUM ENDORSED

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Honorable Gregory H. Woods  
United States District Judge  
Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

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Re: *United States v. Hastings*, S2 20 Cr. 534 (GHW)

Dear Judge Woods:

I write on behalf of Defendant Brent Whiteley to request permission to submit one sentencing support letter under seal. We have disclosed an unredacted copy of the letter to the Government, and the Government does not oppose this request.

Mr. Whiteley intends to file several support letters as an exhibit to his sentencing memorandum, but he asks the Court for leave to file one of the letters under seal. Denise O'Doherty has written a six-page letter describing her 22-year relationship as Mr. Whiteley's psychotherapist. The letter contains sensitive details about Mr. Whiteley's treatment, medications, and personal history. Concurrent with the filing of this letter, Mr. Whiteley is providing a copy of Ms. O'Doherty's letter to the Court for its review.

Application denied in part. The Court has reviewed the underlying submission and does not conclude that the defendant has made a sufficient showing to outweigh the presumption of public access to the entirety of the letter. The Court would consider an application to file a redacted version of the submission with more targeted redactions, together with a letter justifying the requested redactions. The redacted version of the submission and accompanying letter should be filed on the public docket.

The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate the motion pending at Dkt. No. 194.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 2, 2024  
New York, New York

  
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GREGORY H. WOODS  
United States District Judge

Respectfully submitted,

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